



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

July 25, 2023

Mr. Leon Shields
Chair
Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board
P.O. Box 2001, EM-942
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831

Dear Mr. Shields:

I have received your recommendations developed during the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB) Chairs meeting held in Washington, DC, in March 2023. I want to thank your board for participating in that meeting and for the numerous volunteer hours your members give to ensure local communities have a voice in the Department of Energy (DOE) EM cleanup program. During the Chairs meeting, I was able to hear firsthand the priorities of the local boards and your viewpoints as a national board. I agree with your recommendations regarding ongoing communication related to EM SSAB Chairs recommendations.

DOE EM currently tracks all recommendations received by the EM SSAB at the national and local site level and categorizes them as accepted/partially accepted or rejected. These high-level totals can be found in the publicly available Federal Advisory Committee Act database located at www.facadatabase.gov.

I agree that additional tracking and reporting would help ensure accountability, improve effectiveness, enhance transparency, and promote learning. Therefore, beginning with this recommendation, EM will provide an update on the status of Chairs recommendations during EM SSAB Chairs meetings. These meetings are open to the public and minutes of the meetings are available on the EM SSAB website located at <https://www.energy.gov/em/em-site-specific-advisory-board>.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Ms. Kelly Snyder, the EM SSAB Designated Federal Official, at (702) 918-6715.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William White", is positioned above the printed name.

William I. White
Senior Advisor for Environmental Management

cc: Melyssa Noe, OR SSAB DDFO
Kelly Snyder, EM-2.22